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## Mid-January Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of January showed increases for all barley, malting barley, dry beans, all wheat, beef cattle, cows, steers and heifers, and calves. Prices decreased for alfalfa hay, feed barley, potatoes, and milk.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 137 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.5 percent) from December. Higher prices were received for broilers, cattle, hogs, and apples. Lower prices were received for lettuce, corn, broccoli, and soybeans.

## Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Jan. 2009 - Jan. 2010

Commodity		Idaho			United States			
	Unit	January 2009	December 2009	January 2010	January 2009	December 2009	January 2010	
							Price <sup>1/</sup>	% Parity
<b>CROPS:</b>								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	190.00	110.00	107.00	148.00	110.00	113.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	5.69	4.76	5.21	5.34	4.54	4.38	43
Feed	Bu.	3.18	2.91	2.60	2.90	2.63	2.56	--
Malting	Bu.	5.83	4.94	5.35	5.62	4.84	4.61	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	37.40	28.30	31.40	35.00	31.20	33.30	47
Potatoes <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	6.95	5.50	5.20	9.40	7.39	7.19	35
Fresh <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	8.60	4.00	--	13.70	6.15	5.93	--
Processing	Cwt.	6.10	7.10	--	6.68	8.26	8.07	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	6.50	4.88	4.90	6.20	4.85	4.79	33
<b>LIVESTOCK &amp; PRODUCTS:</b>								
Beef Cattle <sup>4/</sup>	Cwt.	72.10	72.60	76.10	80.10	78.60	81.90	33
Cows <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt.	39.20	45.20	47.30	42.30	43.50	47.10	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	84.20	83.20	86.70	85.80	83.80	87.00	--
Calves	Cwt.	92.00	104.00	108.00	106.00	105.00	109.00	31
Lambs	Cwt.	96.00	89.00	--	101.00	98.10	--	--
Milk, All <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt.	10.60	15.40	15.30	13.30	16.50	16.50	37 <sup>7/</sup>

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers & heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

## United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	December 2008	January 2009	December 2009		January 2010 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	135	139	136	135	137
Prices Paid	179	180	177	179	183
Ratio <sup>1/</sup>	75	77	77	75	75

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

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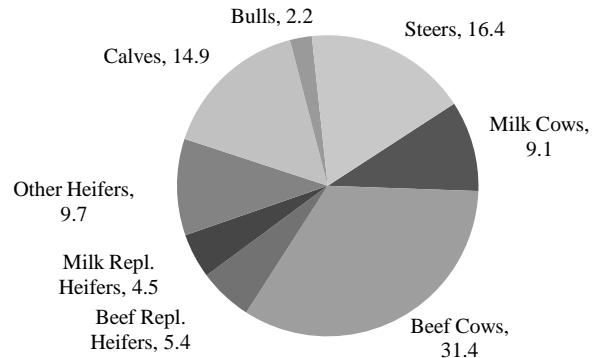
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## Idaho and U.S. Cattle Inventory

Idaho cattle and calf inventory totaled 2.14 million head as of January 1, 2010. This was up 1 percent from the 2.11 million head in the State on January 1, 2009. There were 440,000 beef cows, down 2 percent, and 550,000 milk cows, down 1 percent, on hand at the beginning of the year. The number of beef replacement heifers, at 90,000, was unchanged and heifers for milk cow replacement, at 295,000, up 7 percent. Statewide, there were 255,000 steers over 500 pounds, 35,000 bulls over 500 pounds and 280,000 calves under 500 pounds on January 1, 2010. The 2009 calf crop totaled 930,000 head, down 3 percent from the calf crop of 2008.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over and calves under 500 pounds were up slightly at 2.2 million and 14.9 million head respectively. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots amount to 13.6 million head, down 2 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.5 million, down slightly. The 2009 calf crop was estimated at 35.8 million head, down 1 percent from 2008. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 26.0 million, down 1 percent from 2008.

**U.S. Cattle and Calves by Class  
January 1, 2010, Million Head**



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**Cattle Inventory, January 1, 2009-2010**

State	All Cattle & Calves			All Cows That Have Calved			Calf Crop		
	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona	1,020	930	91	390	375	96	300	295	98
California	5,250	5,150	98	2,460	2,370	96	2,010	1,990	99
Colorado	2,600	2,600	100	850	830	98	780	770	99
Idaho	2,110	2,140	101	1,005	990	99	960	930	97
Montana	2,600	2,550	98	1,510	1,480	98	1,490	1,460	98
Nevada	450	450	100	265	265	100	210	210	100
New Mexico	1,540	1,550	101	820	820	100	590	610	103
Oregon	1,240	1,260	102	650	660	102	610	610	100
Texas	13,600	13,300	98	5,600	5,550	99	4,800	4,750	99
Utah	810	800	99	435	420	97	360	365	101
Washington	1,080	1,040	96	515	470	91	430	410	95
Wyoming	1,350	1,320	98	720	700	97	680	660	97
United States	94,521.0	93,701.2	99	41,044.6	40,456.4	99	36,152.5	35,819.0	99

### Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 5 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on February 1, 2010 totaled 205,000 head, 5 percent below the February 1, 2009 inventory. The cattle on feed inventory is down 10,000 head from January 1, 2010. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during January totaled 30,000 head, down 7,000 head from January 2009 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during January totaled 39,000 head, down 2,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 during January.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on February 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.83 million, 2 percent below 2009. Net placements were 1.76 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 445,000, 700-799 pounds were 560,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 420,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.77 million, 2 percent above 2009. This is the third lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of January since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 70,000 during January, 4 percent above 2009.

## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots <sup>1/</sup>

State	February 1, 2009	January 1, 2010	February 1, 2010		
			Number	As % of 2009	As % of January
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	349	*287	290	83	101
California	480	465	455	95	98
Colorado	1,020	1,010	960	94	95
Idaho	215	215	205	95	95
Iowa	520	570	600	115	105
Kansas	2,260	2,250	2,240	99	100
Nebraska	2,400	2,360	2,370	99	100
Oklahoma	330	365	365	111	100
South Dakota	225	235	235	104	100
Texas	2,810	2,680	2,700	96	101
Washington	151	166	166	110	100
Other States	370	405	403	( X )	100
United States	11,288	*11,008	10,989	97	100

\* Revised 1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. (X) Comparison to 2009 is not applicable.

### Idaho Milk Production Up 1.5 Percent

Idaho milk production during January 2010 totaled 1.02 billion pounds, a 1.5 percent increase from the same month last year, but unchanged from December 2009. December 2009 milk production was revised to 1.02 billion pounds, up 6 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in January 2010 was 1,850 pounds, up 40 pounds from January 2009. The average number of milk cows during January was 550,000 head, down 4,000 from January 2009, but unchanged from December 2009.

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.8 billion pounds, down 0.6 percent from January 2009. December revised production at 14.6 billion pounds, was down 0.7 percent from December 2008. The December revision represented an increase of 18 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,782 pounds for January, 30 pounds above January 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 191,000 head less than January 2009, but 4,000 head more than December 2009.

### Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, January 2009-2010

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		Change From 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	189	169	1,985	2,055	375	347	-7.5
California	1,832	1,760	1,885	1,915	3,453	3,370	-2.4
Colorado	129	116	1,940	1,930	250	224	-10.4
Florida	118	112	1,660	1,600	196	179	-8.7
Idaho	554	550	1,810	1,850	1,003	1,018	1.5
Illinois	102	101	1,610	1,615	164	163	-0.6
Indiana	167	169	1,695	1,675	283	283	-
Iowa	215	215	1,700	1,735	366	373	1.9
Kansas	125	116	1,800	1,785	225	207	-8.0
Kentucky	354	353	1,865	1,915	660	676	2.4
Michigan	468	470	1,620	1,670	758	785	3.6
Minnesota	108	102	1,270	1,220	137	124	-9.5
Missouri	334	318	2,015	2,015	673	641	-4.8
New Mexico	624	610	1,670	1,685	1,042	1,028	-1.3
New York	277	272	1,550	1,600	429	435	1.4
Ohio	115	114	1,650	1,685	190	192	1.1
Oregon	550	541	1,630	1,630	897	882	-1.7
Pennsylvania	430	410	1,780	1,805	765	740	-3.3
Texas	85	82	1,720	1,795	146	147	0.7
Vermont	137	134	1,545	1,560	212	209	-1.4
Virginia	97	95	1,545	1,535	150	146	-2.7
Washington	241	246	1,925	1,980	464	487	5.0
Wisconsin	1,255	1,260	1,645	1,715	2,064	2,161	4.7
23 State Total	8,506	8,315	1,752	1,782	14,902	14,817	-0.6

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## U.S. February Potato Stocks Up 16 Percent

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on February 1 totaled 76.5 million cwt, 10.5 million cwt more than on hand February 1, 2009. Disappearance, at 54.5 million cwt is up from last year's 50.5 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 2.90 million cwt, down from last year's 3.20 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 73.6 million cwt, were up from the 62.8 million cwt stored on February 1, 2009.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 203 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2010, up 11 percent from a year ago and 2 percent above February 1, 2008. Potatoes in storage accounted for 53 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production, 3 percentage points above February 1, 2009. Potato disappearance, at 181 million cwt, was 3 percent below February 1, 2009 and down 9 percent from 2008. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 18.7 million cwt, was up 11 percent from the same date in 2009 and 2 percent above 2008.

### Fall Potatoes Production & Stocks, Crop Years 2004-2009, Idaho & 13 Fall States Total 1/ 2/

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTIO N	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
		1,000 Cwt						
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2004	131,970	93,500	84,500	75,000	64,000	52,000	38,500	24,000
2005	118,288	85,000	75,500	66,000	56,000	43,500	31,000	18,500
2006	128,915	90,000	80,000	70,000	59,500	46,500	33,000	21,000
2007	130,010	92,000	82,000	71,500	60,500	49,000	35,000	23,000
2008	116,475	85,000	75,500	66,000	56,500	45,000	32,500	21,000
2009	131,000	96,500	87,000	76,500				
13 States 1/								
2004 2/	404,017	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	375,118	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,527	258,900	225,800	192,200	159,500	120,900	79,050	44,460
2007	397,753	265,500	232,300	199,300	163,400	125,500	83,960	50,420
2008	369,866	243,700	213,200	183,900	152,700	115,800	78,100	45,300
2009	383,929	265,800	235,300	203,400				

1/ 13 states includes CA, CO, ID, ME, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, NY, OR, WA, and WI

2/ 15 states prior to 2005.

## U.S. Dairy Products December 2009 Highlights

**Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 862 million pounds, 0.1 percent below December 2008 but 2.2 percent above November 2009.

**Italian type cheese** production totaled 373 million pounds, 2.5 percent above December 2008 and 2.8 percent above November 2009.

**American type cheese** production totaled 349 million pounds, 2.6 percent below December 2008 but 5.6 percent above November 2009.

**Butter** production was 150 million pounds, 4.3 percent below December 2008 but 24.2 percent above November 2009.

**Dry Milk Powders:** (comparisons with December 2008)

Nonfat dry milk, human --- 126 million pounds, down 18.6 percent.

Skim milk powders --- 20.7 million pounds, up 16.4 percent.

**Whey products:** (comparisons with December 2008)

Dry whey, total --- 91.2 million pounds, up slightly.

Lactose, human and animal --- 64.2 million pounds, up 6.3 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total --- 35.3 million pounds, down 2.0 percent.

**Frozen products:** (comparisons with December 2008)

Ice cream, Regular (hard) --- 49.9 million gallons, down 7.1 percent.

Ice cream, Lowfat (total) --- 23.1 million gallons, up 6.0 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 2.87 million gallons, down 16.6 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 4.13 million gallons, down 6.0 percent.